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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Groth et al.
Serial Number: 10/780,006
Filed: 17 February 2004
Based On: U.S. Provisional Application 60/448,082, filed 18 February 2003
Group Art Unit: 3637
Examiner: A, Phi Dieu Tranh
Title: **GUTTER LINING METHOD AND INSERT APPARATUS
INCORPORATING POROUS NON-WOVEN FIBER MATTING**

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c)
ON THE GROUNDS OF THE INVENTOR'S AGE**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Arlington, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the examination of the above-identified application to be made special on the basis that one of the inventors is more than 65 years of age. Applicant has established the following items, in compliance with MPEP 708.02:

(1) Mr. Frank R. Groth is one of the inventors of the subject application.

(2) Mr. Frank R. Groth is over 65 years of age, as established by the enclosed Declaration of the Inventor.

Applicant therefore requests that examination of the above-identified application be made special.

Applicant respectfully suggests that under the guidelines set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) and MPEP 708.02, filing of the present petition does not require a fee.



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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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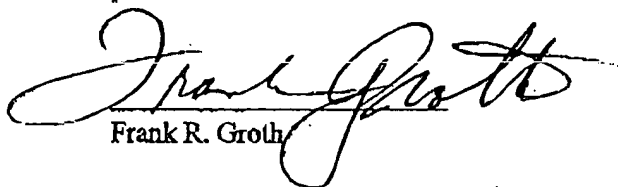
DECLARATION OF THE INVENTOR UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c)

I, Frank R. Groth, do hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am one of the inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

2. I hereby affirm that I am over 65 years of age.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein on my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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